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SUBJ: US PROTEST RE SOVIET USE OF YUGOSLAV AIRSPACE FOR
ANGOLAN AIRLIFT; POSSIBLE TITO TRIP TO CUBA AND MEXICO

REF: A. BELGRADE 6705, B) STATE 300234

1. MET WITH ASSISTANT FEDERAL SECRETARY (AFRICA SOUTH
OF SAHARA, LATIN AMERICA, CARIBBEAN AREA) MIRKO OSTOJIC.
DELIVERED NOTE AND MADE ALL POINTS REFS A AND B.

2. OSTOJIC SAID "BETWEEN US" TITO PREPARING FOR TRIP
TO CUBA AND MEXICO AND PERHAPS OTHER COUNTRIES,
EMPHASIZED TRIP ONLY IN PREPARATORY STAGE. I THEN INDICATED
THAT ON BEHALF OF MY GOVT I
WISHED PRESIDENT TITO TO KNOW THAT ANY CONSTRUCTIVE
CONTRIBUTION TO ANGOLAN DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WOULD
LEAD TO A POLITICAL SOLUTION AND ELIMINATE MILITARY
INTERFERENCE FROM ALL OUTSIDE COUNTRIES AND WHICH
WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE EXPRESSED POSITION OF THE
OAU WOULD HAVE AS POSITIVE AN IMPACT ON US-GOY RELATIONS
AS THE PRESENT SITUATION IS NEGATIVE.

3. OSTOJIC IN RESPONSE TO ALL POINTS RAISED DID NOT
ATTACK FNLA OR UNITA AND INDEED INDICATED THAT GOY

HAD HAD PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH THOSE GROUPS BUT
TALKED OF THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA AS IF IT WAS A
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CONTINUATION OF COLONIAL STRUGGLE BUT NOW AGAINST

SOUTH AFRICA (WHICH, OF COURSE, I DEBUNKED POINTING OUT INTERALIA THAT GOY POLICY ON ANGOLA SET BEFORE SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT). HE THEN CLEARLY IMPLIED THAT YUGOSLAV RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT OF THE MPLA WAS BASED ON NOTION OF REALPOLITIK--THEY HAD BEEN AND WERE THE STRONGEST POLITICAL FORCE IN ANGOLA.

4. HE SAID GOY HOPED OAU SUMMIT WOULD BRING IMPROVEMENT BUT WHEN ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHAT OAU MIGHT DO TO CAUSE IMPROVEMENT, HE DID NOT ANSWER, SAYING ONLY CONTINUATION OF WAR WOULD BE DANGEROUS.

5. HE MADE NO RESPONSE AT ALL TO THE PRECEDENT OF A SOVIET QUASI-MILITARY SOLUTION OR ITS IMPLICATION FOR YUGOSLAVIA NOR DID HE RESPOND TO MY DISCUSSION OF THE IMPLICATIONS FOR US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS.
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